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CITY OF SAN DIEGO HELPS SAN DIEGANS GET RID OF TAX FILES DURING NATIONAL *CLEAN YOUR FILES WEEK*

City Businesses Produce Two-Thirds of City's Paper in the Miramar Landfill's Waste Stream

San Diego, CA—The City of San Diego Environmental Services Department will help San Diegans dump their taxes...that is, recycle outdated tax files from April 15 through April 19, 2002 at the City's Miramar Recycling Center. Equipped with a large locked storage vault, the City will offer San Diegans a secure container to drop off old files before being shredded at an offsite location at the end of the week.

"Twenty-five percent of all the waste in the Miramar Landfill is paper that could have been recycled," said Richard L. Hays, director of the City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department. "Since the City does not accept shredded paper through our curbside recycling program, we thought it was imperative to offer people an alternative to shredding their confidential tax files at home and tossing them in the trash. Our tax file drop off will help people keep their personal information confidential and allow people to do their part to help the environment by recycling."

The Tax File Drop Off is free to all San Diegans and is held in conjunction with the nationally recognized "Clean Your Files Day," which is designed to encourage people to recycle excess paper waste. Both residential and business tax files will be accepted.

The Miramar Recycling Centers is located at 5165 Convoy Street and is open from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information about recycling tax files please call (858) 694-7000 or for general recycling tips and information please call the City's Recycling Hotline at (858) 467-0903.

City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department is charged with refuse collection and disposal, recycling and environmentally sound landfill management to meet the City's long-term disposal needs. For more information on Environmental Services, visit its web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/>.

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